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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar & & & \\
N - R^1 & & & \\
N & & & & \\
N & & & & \\
N & & & & \\
R^2 & & & & \\
CN & & & & \\
(1) & & & & \\
\end{array}$$

wherein

Ar is an optionally substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain alkyl group;

R² is a -X¹-R³ group; where

 X^{1} is a direct bond or a linker atom or group selected from -C(O)-, -C(S)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, -C(R⁷)₂-, -CON(R⁷)-, -OC(O)N(R⁷)-, -CSN(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)CO-, -N(R⁷)C(O)O-, -N(R⁷)CS-, -SON(R⁷)-, -SO₂N(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)SO₂-, -N(R⁷)CON(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)SON(R⁷)-, and -N(R⁷)SO₂N(R⁷)-;

R⁷ is a hydrogen atom or C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

R³ is an optionally substituted aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, heteroaliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

and the salts, solvates, hydrates and N-oxides thereof.

- 2. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom.
- 3-5. (canceled)

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6. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ar is a phenyl, pyridyl, indolyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl or benzoxazolyl group each substituted by one, two or three -R⁴ or -Alk(R⁴)_m substituents in which R⁴ is a halogen atom, or an amino (-NH₂), substituted amino, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl (-OH), substituted hydroxyl, formyl, carboxyl (-CO₂H), esterified carboxyl, thiol (-SH), substituted thiol, -COR⁵ [where R⁵ is a -Alk(R⁴)_m, aryl or heteroaryl group], -CSR⁵, -SO₃H, -SO₂R⁵, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NHR⁵, -SO₂N[R⁵]₂, -CONH₂, -CSNH₂, -CONHR⁵, -CSNHR⁵, -CON[R⁵]₂, -NHSO₂H, -NHSO₂R⁵, -N[SO₂R⁵]₂, -NHSO₂NH₂, -NHSO₂NHR⁵, -NHSO₂NIR⁵]₂, -NHCOR⁵, -NHCONH₂, -NHCONHR⁵, -NHCON[R⁵]₂, -NHCSR⁵, -NHC(O)OR⁵, or optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, hetero-cycloaliphatic, aryl or heteroaryl group; Alk is a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkylene, C₂₋₆ alkenylene or C₂₋₆ alkynylene chain, optionally interrupted by one, two or three -O- or -S- atoms or groups selected from -S(O)-, -S(O)₂- or -N(R⁶)- [where R⁶ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl group]; and m is zero or an integer 1, 2 or 3.

- 7. (original) A compound according to Claim 6 wherein Ar is a phenyl group substituted by one, two or three $-R^4$ or $-Alk(R^4)_m$ substitutents.
- 8. (original) A compound according to any one of Claim 5 to Claim 7 wherein at least one of -R⁴, -Alk(R⁴)_m, -R^{4b} or -Alk(R^{4b})_m is a -X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pNR^{7a}R^{7b}) (where X^{1a} is a direct bond or a linker atom or group, Alk^a is as defined for Alk, p is zero or an integer 1 and R^{7a} and R^{7b} which may be the same or different is each a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched C₁. 6alkyl group), -X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pNHet¹ (where -NHet¹ is an optionally substituted C₃₋₇cyclicamino group optionally containing one or more -O- or -S- atoms or -N(R⁶) [where R⁶ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C₁₋₆alkyl group]) or -X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pAr² group (where Ar² is a nitrogen containing heteroaromatic group).

9-10. (canceled)

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11. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.